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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: UNGA DISARMAMENT: CONSULTATIONS ON MILITARY EXPENDITURE
LIMITATIONS (MEL)

1. MARTIN (US) RAISED QUESTION OF RESOLUTION ON MILITARY
EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS WITH GARCIA ROBLES (MEXICO)
ON NOV 5. MARTIN EXPRESSED U.S. INTEREST IN ADOPTION OF
GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION ASKING CCD TO ORGANIZE
STUDY BY GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS OF ISSUES INVOLVED IN DEFINITION
AND COMPARATIVE MEASUREMENT OF MILITARY EXPENDITURES.
GARCIA ROBLES INDICATED THAT MEXICO INTENDED TO WORK OUT
A RESOLUTION OF SOME KIND ON THE SUBJECT, BUT WAS
AWARE OF DIFFERENCES IN APPROACH OF U.S. AND USSR. WHILE
HE UNDERSTOOD U.S. IDEA OF BEST MEANS OF PROCEEDING WITH
CONSIDERATION OF MEL, HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO WORK ON THE
SOVIETS TO SEE WHAT THEY COULD ACCEPT. HE KEPT OPEN THE
POSSIBILITY OF A SIMPLE "HOLDING RESOLUTION" (WHICH HE
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DID NOT DEFINE) IF A RESOLUTION PURSUING ANY PARTICULAR

COURSE WOULD MEET WITH TOO MANY OBJECTIONS. MARTIN AND GARCIA ROBLES AGREED TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION FURTHER NEXT WEEK.

2. MARTIN ALSO RAISED SUBJECT WITH ALZAMORA (PERU), WHO EXPRESSED SYMPATHY WITH IDEA OF STUDYING BASIC ISSUES BUT SAID PERU HAD NOT DEVELOPED FINAL POSITION. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, DELOFF OUTLINED U.S. VIEWS ON MEL TO LUNA (PERU), EMPHASIZING DESIRABILITY OF TAKING CONCRETE STEPS AND AVOIDING CONTENTIOUS AND PREMATURE ISSUES SUCH AS DISPOSITION OF FUNDS SAVED BY AGREED MELS. LUNA WELCOMED U.S. INTEREST IN SUBJECT AND SAID PERU HOPED TO TAKE PRAGMATIC APPROACH, BEARING IN MIND ONGOING EFFORTS OF ANDEAN GROUP IN CONNECTION WITH STUDY OF MEL ISSUES. LUNA SAID HE WOULD CONSULT WITH SWEDES AND MEXICANS AND KEEP US DEL INFORMED.

3. COMMENT: GARCIA ROBLES APPEARS TO WANT TO AVOID ALIENATING BOTH US AND USSR IN DEVELOPING A MEL RESOLUTION. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, HE HAS A SUBSTANTIAL NONALIGNED CONSTITUENCY TO SATISFY WHILE MAINTAINING HIS OWN CREDENTIALS. RESERVED TENOR OF HIS COMMENTS INDICATES THAT HE HAS NOT YET DETERMINED PRECISE DIRECTION HE WANTS RESOLUTION TO TAKE THIS YEAR, BUT IT IS UNLIKELY HE WILL BE SATISFIED WITH MODEST TECHNICAL STUDY, PARTICULARLY IF SOVIETS OBJECT. IN EVENT HE DECIDES "HOLDING RES" IS NECESSARY, PROSPECTIVE SCOPE AND CONTENT OF SUCH A RES ARE UNFORESEEABLE AT THIS JUNCTURE. END COMMENT. MOYNIHAN

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